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SUBJEC: TURKISH PRESS REACTION TO NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING,
CYPRUS AND CDI NEGOTIATIONS

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1. MOST TURKISH DAILIES WEDNESDAY (DEC. 17) CONTINUED TO
GIVE MODERATE COVERAGE TO THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING
IN CONTEXT OF TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND CYPRUS
(AS REPORTED REFTEL). THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT.

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2. GUNAYDIN, AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER PAPERS REPORTED ON
A STATEMENT NY REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY LEADER ECEVIT

IN OSLO ON DEC. 16 REGARDING NATO. ECEVIT REPORTEDLY SAID THAT TURKEY WOULD REMAIN IN NATO BUT "I ONLY SUGGEST NEW DIRECTIONS IN SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH TURKEY'S NATO MEMBERSHIP." ECEVIT ALSO WELCOMED THE PROPOSED SOLUTION TO THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS PROBLEM AS A RESULT OF THE KISSINGER-CAGLAYANGI -BITSIOS MEETINGS.

3. TERCUMAN AND CUMHURIYET CONTINUED REPORTING ON THE BASE NEGOTIATION AND ARMS SUPPLY QUESTIONS AS A RESULT OF THE KISSINGER-CAGLAYANGIL MEETING. BOTH PAPERS REPORTED THAT THE TWO SIDES WERE BECOMING MORE FLEXIBLE ABOUT THEIR POSITIONS ON INDEMNITY AND REOPENING THE BASES. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS THE MAJOR TOPIC AT CAGLAYANGIL'S VISIT IN THE U.S. IN JANUARY WILL BE THE DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS QUESTION.

4. IN A WRAP-UP STORY FROM BRUSSELS ON THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETINGS GUNAYDIN NOTED SEVERAL PROPOSALS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED: 1) GREECE AND TURKEY, UNDER THE PRESSURE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER CALLAGHAN, HAD AGREED TO RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ON CYPRUS; 2) STANDARDIZATION OF ARMS WILL BE ATTEMPTED; 3) GREECE HAD WITHDRAWN HER PROPOSAL FOR ECONOMIZING ON HER COMMITMENTS TO NATO. BERGUS

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